

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 718-1265 are presently pending and continue to be presented for further examination in this application.

As indicated on the first page and in the title, the purpose of this paper and Amendment is to consolidate all previous versions of the pending claims from Applicants' prior separate amendments, thereby presenting a clean version of all pending claims in a single amendment paper. This clean set or version of the pending claims is attached to this paper as Exhibit 1. This submission is being made pursuant to the Changes to the Patent Rules, Volume 1, Issue 3, October 20, 2000:

Applicants will also be able to submit a clean set of all pending claims, consolidating all previous versions of pending claims from a series of separate amendments into a single clean version in a single amendment paper. This submission of a clean version of all the pending claims will be construed as directing the cancellation of all previous versions of any pending claims. No marked-up version will be required to accompany the clean version where no changes other than the consolidation are being made.

Entry of the clean set or version of the pending claims (Exhibit 1) is respectfully requested.

Favorable action on this application is also respectfully requested.

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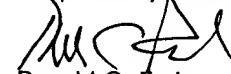
**SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS**

Claims 718-1265 are presently pending and are presented for further examination. No claims have been added or canceled by this Amendment, the purpose of which is to consolidate the claims and to present in a single amendment a clean set or version of all pending claims.

No extension request or fee is believed due in connection with this filing. Furthermore, no fee for additional claims is due since no new claims have been added in the consolidation claim set of pending claims (Exhibit 1). In the event that any fee or fees are due, however, The Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge the amount of any such fee(s) to Deposit Account No. 05-1135, or to credit any overpayment thereto.

If a telephone conversation would further the prosecution of the present application, Applicants' undersigned attorney request that he be contacted at the number provided below.

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